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CONFIDENTIAL 47-41 Control: 18000 Action Rec'd: October 25, 1962 ARA 3:12 a.m. FROM: La Paz Info TO: Secretary of State SS G 441, October 24, 8 p.m. NO: SP L SAL NIACT CAP IO In informal talk at luncheon with five Cabinet Ministers, I P inquired what would be reaction if Soviet ships turned back IOP in face US quarantine. All agreed Soviet prestige in Latin INR America would fall to new lows. I inquired what those present RMR would do in US position. said they would liquidate Cuba at once. In informal conversation this afternoon

no doubt whatever GOB fully backs US in present crisis. again asked our sympathetic consideration of Foreign Minister formula Embassy telegram 435, to return OAS and express that support. Cabinet this morning agreed unanimously return OAS but requested Foreign Minister find formula such as suggested.

Embassy certain GOB wishes return OAS soonest despite extremis clamoring in Congress and among Communist-led labor and youth groups. As indicated Embassy telegram 439 GOB has not repudia Sarmiento and received Secretary s message Department telegram 263 gratefully. Confirmation Sarmiento's initial action in official GOB position could be assured and speeded by Departme acceptance formula.

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